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**FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2009 - 08**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CREATION OF A STATE VETERANS' CEMETERY**

WHEREAS, according to the Department of Veterans Affairs there are over 9,400 veterans living in the Fairbanks area; and

WHEREAS, according to the 2000 Census Alaska has the highest percentage of veterans per capita than any other state; and

WHEREAS, Interior Alaska veterans deserve access to a military cemetery that honors their service; and

WHEREAS, the nearest cemetery to Fairbanks is Fort Richardson National Cemetery located 350 miles away; and

WHEREAS, a State Veterans' Cemetery in the Interior would better serve the needs of veterans and their families, and provide a place that is centrally located in the Interior for soldiers to be laid to rest with full military funeral honors; and

WHEREAS, funding to establish and maintain a state veterans' cemetery could be made available through the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, State Cemetery Grants Program, and through money set aside from special license plates purchases and gifts designated to a special account; and

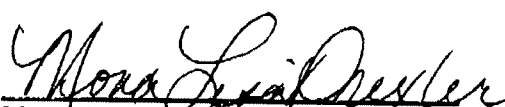
35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Assembly of the  
36 Fairbanks North Star Borough supports the creation of a State Veterans' Cemetery in  
37 the Interior.

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39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution shall be sent  
40 to the Honorable Governor Sarah Palin and the Alaska Interior Delegation.

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42 PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 12<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2009.

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47 Kelly Brown, Deputy  
48 Presiding Officer

49 ATTEST:

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53 Mona Lisa Drexler, MMC  
54 Municipal Borough Clerk

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56 Ayes: Brown, Blanchard II, Musick, Sattley, Stringer, Wilson  
57 Noes: None  
58 Excused: Beck, Hopkins, Winters  
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